

Mass Workforce Issuance

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To: Chief Elected Officials
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cc: WIA State Partners

From: Susan V. Lawler, Director
Division of Career Services

Date: February 16, 2007

Subject: **Grant Opportunity for Women in Apprenticeships and Nontraditional Occupations**

Purpose: To provide notification of the availability of a grant opportunity to assist employers and labor unions in the placement and retention of women in apprenticeships and nontraditional occupations.

Background: As authorized under the Women in Apprenticeships and Nontraditional Occupations (WANTO) Act of 1992 (P.L. 102-350 29 U.S.C. 2501 *et seq.*), two-year technical assistance grants of up to \$300,000 (\$150,000 per year) each will be awarded to innovative projects that promote recruitment, training, and retention of women in apprenticeships and nontraditional occupations in the construction industry. It is anticipated that 3 competitive grants will be awarded.

To be eligible, the applicant must be a formal consortium that includes community based organizations (CBOs) and registered apprenticeship program (RAP) sponsors. RAP sponsors will be responsible partners for placing women into their programs.

Applications are due on April 16, 2007. Full application details are included in Attachment A.

Action

Required: You are encouraged to review the application requirements and to promote interest in the grant opportunity among potential consortium partners in your local area.

Inquiries: Please direct any inquiries to the U.S. Department of Labor, Employment and Training Administration, Office of Grants and contract Management at 202-693-3335.